

## HANSCOM AREA TOWNS COMMITTEE (HATS)

Members: Four from each HATS town (1 Selectmen, 1 Planning, 1 Conservation Commission and representatives to the Hanscom Field Advisory Committee)  
Appointed by: Board of Selectmen  
Length of Term: Open  
Appointments Made: September 30  
Meeting Times: Usually 3rd Thursday of each month

Description: The purpose of the Hanscom Area Towns Committee, is to coordinate the policies and activities of the four towns that contain Hansom Field (Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln) in their relationships with the major organizations that operate in the Hanscom Field area. These include the U.S. Air Force, the National Park Service, the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), Lincoln Laboratories, and private corporations.

HATS seeks to protect and preserve the physical and environmental attributes of the area in the face of expanding institutional and commercial development, increasing traffic and aircraft noise and other threats to the environment. Through HATS II, the four towns coordinate their efforts in planning, growth management, land use, traffic control, and environmental protection. Representatives of other organizations, including those named above, are invited to attend HATS meetings on a non-voting basis.

Criteria for Membership: Membership criteria vary slightly among the four towns. Lexington is represented by one selectmen, one member of the Planning Board, one member of the Conservation Commission, and the town's representative to the Hanscom Field Advisory Commission. The first three are appointed by their respective boards. The HFAC representative is appointed by the selectmen.

Ref.: Memorandum of Agreement of the towns of Bedford, Concord, Lexington, and Lincoln, effective January 1988.

Selectmen designated as Special Municipal Employees on January 18, 2006.